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SUBJ: BENIN REQUEST FOR CONTRIBUTION TO PAN-AFRICAN
COOPERATIVE TRAINING CENTER

REF: (A) COTONOU 1999 (NOTAL) (B) 76 COTONOU 773 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL (A) REQUESTED REACTION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR
CENTER (AALC) TO REQUEST FROM GOB FOR ASSISTANCE IN CON-
STRUCTING IN COTONOU MAJOR CONFERENCE CENTER FOR PAN-AFRICAN
COOPERATIVE CENTER (PACC). AALC INDICATES IT HAS NO RPT NO
PROVISION IN CURRENT BUDGET FOR ASSISTANCE TO PAN-AFRICAN
COOPERATIVE CENTER (PACC). AS NOTED REFTEL (B) AALC WAS
PRIMARY SUPPORT FOR CENTER 1968-73 AND WAS PREPARED TO
PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ASSISTANCE FOR A LIMITED
TIME. HOWEVER, NO FURTHER LARGE-SCALE ASSISTANCE WAS
ENVISAGED.

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2. AALC BELIEVES IT IS THEORETICALLY STILL A MEMBER OF
PACC GOVERNING COUNCIL, BUT HAS NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF OR
INVITED TO RECENT COUNCIL MEETINGS. AALC CLAIMS IT HAS NO
KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT PROGRAMS, FUNCTIONING OR FINANCING
UPON WHICH TO BASE A RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR AID. THERE IS
LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF RENEWED AALC INTEREST WITHOUT FIRST

RECEIVING AN INVITATION TO VISIT THE CENTER AND STUDY ITS CURRENT FUNCTIONING.

3. FYI: IN ADDITION TO BEING UNINFORMED AS TO CURRENT FINANCING OR PROGRAMS, BROMBART OF AALC SAYS AALC HAS STILL NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED FINAL ACCOUNTING FROM PACC OF ALL FUNDS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED. EVEN IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE AALC WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY COMMITTING ITSELF TO FURTHER AID IN ABSENCE THIS INFORMATION. FURTHER, IMPRESSION IS THAT PACC IS CONCENTRATING FUND-RAISING ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY AMONG POSSIBLE NON-AFRICAN DONORS. AT MAY 1976 MEETING WITH AF LABOR ADVISOR AND EMBOFF NALL PACC DIRECTOR COCO CLEARLY INDICATED HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MARCH 76 CONFERENCE TO FIND FUNDS AMONG NON-AFRICAN DONORS; LITTLE OR NONE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS. WITHOUT EVIDENCE OF VIABLE PROGRAMMING AND GREATER COMMITMENT ON PART OF AFRICANS PROBABILITY OF RENEWED AALC INVOLVEMENT APPEARS TO BE SLIGHT. HOWEVER, AALC DOES NOT WISH TO CLOSE THE DOOR COMPLETELY. IF THERE IS A CLEAR INDICATION OF GREATER AFRICAN COMMITMENT, IF PAST QUESTIONS ARE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED AND IF AS A RESULT OF THESE MEASURES IT APPEARS THAT THE PACC WILL BECOME A VIABLE, FUNCTIONING ORGANIZATION AALC MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE. END FYI.

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